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**CHANGE TITLE:** School Physicals and Catastrophic Cap Reduction

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**SUMMARY OF ADDITIONS/REVISIONS:** This change extends coverage of physical examinations to TRICARE-eligible beneficiaries ages 5 - 11 that are required in connection with school enrollment. These newly covered school physicals will be recognized as preventive services, and as such, subject to the same cost-sharing/co-payment and referral/authorization requirements as prescribed under Prime and Standard/Extra clinical preventive benefit. This change also reduces the retiree fiscal year catastrophic cap from \$7500 to \$3000.

**EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION:** School Physicals: Effective Date is October 30, 2000. Implementation Date is December 15, 2001. **Catastrophic Cap Reduction:** Effective Date is October 1, 2000. Implementation Date is December 15, 2001.

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